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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Brian A. Vaartstra) Group Art Unit: 1756
Serial No.: 09/651,702)
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For: SUPERCritical COMPOSITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF ORGANIC MATERIAL
AND METHODS OF USING SAME

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 18, 2002, and the Advisory Action mailed January 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 19, 25, 27, and 29. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

19. (Amended) A composition comprising sulfur trioxide (SO_3) in a supercritical state, wherein the composition is an organic material removal composition.

25. (Amended) A composition comprising sulfur trioxide (SO_3) in a supercritical state and an oxidizer, wherein the composition is an organic material removal composition.